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**Act No. 152 (H.859). Municipal government; public lands and funds; lease lands**

**An act relating to requiring municipal corporations to affirmatively vote to retain ownership of lease lands**

This act adds 24 V.S.A. § 2409 to require municipal corporations to affirmatively vote to retain their lease lands, which are sometimes referred to as “glebes.” Sec. 1 provides that lease lands shall vest in the current lessee of record on January 1, 2020, unless the legislative body of the municipal corporation charged with the care of those lands votes prior to that date to keep some or all of the municipality’s lease lands. Sec. 1 also provides that a municipal corporation’s legislative body may vote at any time to release some or all of the municipality’s lease lands. When fee simple title to lease land vests in the current lessee of record, the act provides that the land shall remain subject to any other encumbrances of record.

Sec. 2 amends 24 V.S.A. § 1061 to exempt lease land conveyances from statutory notice required for the conveyance of municipal real estate.

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